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SUBJ: POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETS IN ATHENS;  
SUPPORTS DIRECT TALKS FOR CYPRUS SETTLEMENT

1. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE MET IN ATHENS EARLIER THIS WEEK. ON SEPT 16, SOME OF ITS MEMBERS HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE. THE COMMITTEE PRESIDENT, ITALIAN SENATOR VEDOVATO, EXPLAINED THE FUNCTION OF THE COMMITTEE AND EXPRESSED THE PLEASURE OF ITS MEMBERS THAT THE MEETING COULD BE HELD IN GREECE, ONCE AGAIN FREE AND UNDER A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. HE NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD ESTABLISH A EUROPEAN POLITICAL CENTER AT DELPHI WHICH WOULD HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

2. IN RESPEONSE TO A JOURNALIST'S QUERY REGARDING CYPRUS, ANOTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE DURING ITS DELIBERATIONS. NOTING THE COMMITTEE HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE IMPASSE  
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REACHED IN THE INTERCOMMUNICAL TALKS, HE CONTINUED THAT

THE MEMBERS HOPED FOR A SETTLEMENT RESULTING FROM DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO CYPRIOT PARTIES. ALSO MENTIONED WAS THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD CREATED A SUBGROUP TO LOOK INTO THE CYPRUS SITUATION AND THAT ITS MEMBERS HAD ALREADY BEEN TO THAT TROUBLED ISLAND.

3. ON A RELATED THEME, A SIX-MEMBER DELEGATION OF BRITISH PARLIMENTARIANS, RECENTLY IN CYPRUS, IS STOPPING OVER IN ATHENS ON THEIR RETURN TRIP TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS, OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS OPPOSITION LEADER GEORGE MAVROS.

4. FACED WITH COMPETITION FROM THE IMMINENT ARRIVAL OF FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, MEITHER OF THE ABOVE EVENTS CAUSED MUCH OF A FANFARE IN THE GREEK PRESS. KUBISCH

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